



LOCAL BREVITIES.

Matters of Minor Moment in and About the City.

He resolved to leave off smoking. Searing, chewing, misty jolting. Drinking, gambling, never peaking. His ruddy nasal organ into other folks' affairs.

His great goodness—so folks reckoned—Made the angels glad—they reckoned. And on January second.

He started, pure and happy, up the broad celestial stairs.

MATINEES at both theatres to-day.

THE GRAND this evening—"Me and Jack."

OPERA House this evening—"Poor Jonathan."

THE Vigilant engine house's metal ceiling has been finished.

THE Fire and Marine Insurance Company has declared a dividend of five per cent.

THE firm of Hoge & Bro. has been dissolved, and K. Hoge will continue the business alone.

THE workmen on the Main street bridge will "break" New Year's and go right ahead working.

MR. Z. F. ROBERTSON has been admitted to membership in the wholesale dry goods house of Hicks & Hoge.

IN 1891 Clerk Hook admitted to record 808 deeds of trust, 951 transfers of real estate and issued 528 marriage licenses.

THE firm of W. H. Frank & Co. has been dissolved, Mr. Frank retiring. C. J. Beckman will continue the business alone.

DR. T. O. EDWARDS has retired from the insurance firm of Sweeney & Edwards. Mr. Sweeney will continue the business alone.

THEODORE STECKOCH, "Dutch Theodore," was sent to jail yesterday by Squire Joseph Arkle for stealing a dog from William Asmus.

YESTERDAY afternoon the power was off the Island electrical car line for about half an hour, and lots of people paid a nickel and walked.

A TREAT and entertainment for the pupils of the First Presbyterian mission school was given last night. The Premier band played.

ALL the public offices, but the police office, will be closed to-day and the suspension of private business bids fair to be more general than usual.

THE funeral of the late Capt. A. J. Adams will take place to-morrow at 9:30 a. m. from the residence of P. Z. Noble, No. 90 Sixteenth street.

THIS afternoon from 1 to 5 p. m. o'clock the new addition to the North Wheeling Hospital will be thrown open for the inspection of the public.

MAIL boxes of unusual size have been put up by the postoffice authorities at Main and Tenth, Twelfth and Market, and on Main below Eleventh street.

A YOUNG girl named Archibald, living on the South side, was bitten severely on the arm early yesterday morning by a dog belonging to a neighbor.

AN unknown man fell from the steamer Belle Prince above this city early yesterday morning and was drowned. The body was not recovered.

THE Epworth League of the German M. E. church, on Chapline street, will give a musical and literary entertainment this evening. It is hoped that all will attend.

THE HEN again has a display in its window which takes the cake, and is the admired of all admirers. There are one or two new features worthy of a passing glance.

ON Wednesday, January 6, Harry Lacy, a favorite actor for years with Wheeling audiences, will appear at the Opera House in his new play, "Jack Royal of the 92d."

THE Teutonia singing society's private dance last night was unusually enjoyable. The friends of the society turned out in full force and danced the old year out and the new one in.

GODFREY FAATZ and George Deuter had a fight in a saloon on the South Side last night, and Godfrey cut Deuter over the head several times with a cane. Both men were arrested by Officer Crane.

IN another column Robert Anderson formally announces himself as a candidate for county assessor of the country district. As the INTELLIGENCER some time ago remarked, he would make a good one.

THE South Side Turners will give a dance to-day at their hall on South Jacob street. It will begin at 2 o'clock this afternoon and will continue until the next morning. The Bellaire Opera House orchestra will play.

CITY CLERK THORNER has added to his private dime museum a number of rare gold fish from Japan, some German carp, a tadpole and several other aquatic reptiles and fish. He has ordered a marmalade and a wogly bird.

THE employees of the J. G. Hoffman tannery had a good time yesterday. At three o'clock in the afternoon the works shut down, and liquid and solid refreshments were served to the men. It is a treat to which they look forward to annually.

IN the circuit court yesterday the case of Frank J. Kuglen vs. Edwin Hornbrook was decided in favor of the plaintiff, judgment being entered for him in the sum of \$581.16. The case of George Roberts & Co. vs. S. Baer's Sons was still on trial.

ONE of the most successful dances in the history of the Primus club was that held last night at Franzheim's hall. About a hundred couples danced to Killmeyer's music, and fully that number sat down to the elegant supper provided by the Hotel Van Kenren.

COMPLAINT is made about the difficulty experienced in distinguishing the different lines of electric street car motors. There is no way of telling whether a car is going to the Island, North Wheeling or South Wheeling until it has got past. It has been suggested that the cars be painted different colors, or at least have different colored lights at night.

ONE of the pleasantest features of the entrance of the new year on the scene was the feast set by C. E. VanKoren, of the Hotel VanKenren, for the editorial staff of the morning papers. It was a spread that did eminent credit to him. The oysters were monsters, being a present to Mr. VanKoren from Mr.

W. O. McCluskey, who sent to New York to get them, ordering the largest oysters to be found.

PETE DOLAN, of Lenwood, who was thrown from a horse on Wednesday, was getting along well yesterday. He was not brought to the hospital here, the family concluding they could attend to him better at home.

A NOTABLE PRESENTATION.

Capt. H. E. Weisgerber Retires from the Service of the B. & O. Company After Eighteen Years.

As has already been chronicled in the INTELLIGENCER, Capt. H. E. Weisgerber, for eighteen years in the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Company at this point, first as an apprentice boy and last as master mechanic of the Wheeling shops, has severed his connection with that road, to take effect to-day, when he succeeds Capt. Gillilan as general superintendent of the Wheeling & Elm Grove railroad. Mr. Charles Hirsch has been chosen to succeed him at the Baltimore & Ohio shops.

Last night the employees of the Baltimore & Ohio freight department gathered in Agent Stevenson's office, and Captain Weisgerber was decoyed into their midst. Agent Stevenson then advanced, and with a neat speech presented the captain with a silver tea set, lined in gold, a soup tureen and water pitcher and cup of silver, and a handsome and massive onyx and brass stand. The articles were all appropriately marked, and are of the most beautiful designs. The whole set was bought by Captain Weisgerber's fellow employees from J. W. Grubb, to whose taste it does great credit. Though taken entirely by surprise, Captain Weisgerber was in a few minutes able to respond, which he did with a great deal of feeling and in a very neat speech.

It was one of the most notable presentations of this season of presentations, and the happy recipient will receive the congratulations of his host of friends, not only on the fine character of the present, but especially upon the evidence it gives of his high standing with those who have been associated with him in his work for so many years.

BROKEN BEER GLASSES

Thrown Promiscuously About a Dance Hall—Two Men and a Woman Cut.

When the Beethoven singing society issued invitations to last night's dance, it thought that it would come off as peaceably as all other dances and entertainments of the society in times gone by. But a quarrelsome stranger or two had gained an entrance and about midnight the fun broke loose.

One man claimed an overcoat which he saw another wearing, as his own property, and after a few words in vigorous German had been exchanged, both men proceeded to blows. The man who claimed the overcoat endeavored to get it back by breaking a beer glass over the other fellow's head. This was the signal for a general scrimmage, and in a moment the beer glasses were flying in all directions. Two men got one apiece across the head, and a young girl was badly cut on the face by a piece of broken glass. About fifty members of the society were aghast at the idea that the peace of the gathering should be disturbed by a few hot heads, and plunged in to separate the combatants.

In a second there was a pile of struggling humanity, about four feet deep, kicking and struggling on the floor, and broken English flew about the room and out in the hall way.

Somebody ran down stairs and notified Officer Creighton that a riot was in progress in the hall. The officer ran upstairs and nailed a man whom he saw scuffling. At this time another fellow thought he would take a hand in the affair and commenced dealing blows right and left. The policeman dropped his first prisoner, and snatched the fresh fighter, and after a struggle got him down stairs and into the patrol wagon. Another visit to the hall was made by the officer, but by this time nobody knew anything and he was compelled to leave without any more captives. No names could be obtained of those in the hall. Creighton's prisoner gave the name of Chris Fischer, and claimed to be innocent of everything. Ten minutes after the fight the music was playing and the dancing had resumed.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Strangers in the City and in Wheeling Folks Abroad.

S. C. Hartranft, of Watonsburg, Pa., is at the Hotel Windsor.

W. J. Sturm, of Fairmont, stopped at the Stamm House yesterday.

Rev. Dr. W. H. Cooke returned yesterday from a visit to Baltimore.

The "Me and Jack" company is putting up at the Stamm and the Behler.

M. J. Murphy, advance agent of Harry Lacy's company, is at the Behler.

R. J. Ernst, of Clarksburg, and Will J. Booher, of Cameron, are at the Stamm House.

H. W. Beverlin, of Grafton, and H. Mason, of Philippi, were the West Virginians at the Windsor yesterday.

Will Moosman, of Parkersburg; E. S. Clarke and B. Gillespie, of Bethany, registered yesterday at the McClure House.

Dr. J. H. Pipes left last night for New York, where he will attend the Polytechnic. Mrs. Pipes will join him in a couple of weeks.

P. Morris, of Sistersville; J. J. Starn, of Mannington; M. V. Steergrove, of Kingwood, and John McGuire, of Buckhannon, are the West Virginians at the St. Charles.

Charles Burkham, of Clarksburg; P. A. Enig, of Fairmont, and E. H. Brown, of Piedmont, were among the West Virginians registered yesterday at the Behler.

The McClure House Dance.

Much of the interest of society people is centered in the big hop to be given at the McClure House to-night. The indications are that it will be one of the largest events of this season. The committee in charge, Mr. Will McVeigh Miller and Mr. Will Rice, have had the big dining room on the north side handsomely festooned in evergreens, holly and palms; the big corridors to be used for promenading and reception parlor have been similarly treated.

The old writing room on the second floor will be filled with small tables for those who desire to play cards, and the ladies' parlors will be used for quiet tete-a-tetes. The southern dining room, where the supper will be served, consisting of several courses, has been artistically decorated.

The Opera House orchestra will furnish the music.

Fully seventy-five couples are expected. Those that have not purchased their tickets can do so of Mr. Rice at the hotel.

Scarcely foundation cannot be laid than the real merit which is the solid base for the monumental success of Hood's Sarsaparilla.



SPORTING NEWS.

New York, Dec. 31.—There will be no sparring contest between Peter Maher, the Irish champion, and Jack Dempsey at the Madison Square Garden or elsewhere on January 14. Gus Tuthill, Dempsey's backer, and Billy Madden, the Irishman's manager, had a talk yesterday and decided as they could not give a show that would be satisfactory to the people, they who would give up \$1 or \$2, they would call the thing off altogether.

Superintendent Murray's order in regard to "knocking out" matches has broken up another good show that Billy Madden had on hand. Madden was so confident that Maher could beat Dempsey that he made an agreement with Farnon Davies for a match between the Irish champion and Peter Jackson for four rounds on January 28. Whether the Corbett-Mitchell bout which is down for February 11 is to be abandoned is not yet settled. Madden said Tuesday that he hoped Corbett would fight Maher for the \$8,000 purse offered by the Olympic Club of New Orleans.

"Mitchell will not fight, I think," said Madden, "so why can they not take on Maher. I'll promise them that Peter will give them a fight for their money, and Corbett can get bets aggregating \$5,000 on the outside. I will agree to have the winner take all the purse. Is that enough?"

The Ryan-Needham Fight.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—The Metropolitan Club of New Orleans to-day wired an offer of a \$3,000 purse for a finish contest between Tom Ryan, of Chicago, the welter weight champion, and Danny Needham, of San Francisco. The California Athletic and Pacific clubs, of San Francisco, it is said, were bidding against each other for the contest and had run the figure up to \$2,000, when the Metropolitan stepped in and raised the purse to \$3,000. Ryan has signed and will forward a forfeit to-morrow. Ryan will meet Needham for any part of \$5,000, Danny's original offer, or he will fight for the bare purse. Needham has been notified and will probably accept, as the difference in the purses is a full third in favor of New Orleans.

AN INTERESTING EXHIBIT.

Some Figures from the Annual Report of the Board of Public Works.

Clerk Darrah, of the City Board of Public Works, has finished his annual exhibit of the expenses of the board. It shows that there was expended from the board's contingent fund in the year \$27,224 10, out of the general fund \$19,108 20, out of the ten-cent levy fund \$16,154 01, and out of the city's contingent fund \$329 37, a total of expenditures by the board for all purposes of \$62,825 68.

For sewer repairs there was spent \$1,006 33; for street repairs \$11,115 05, and for street cleaning \$6,012 15. Where this last named sum was expended will seem a mystery to most people. The straightening of Caldwell's run cost \$2,416 37.

These expenditures were out of the board's contingent fund. The other amounts expended were largely in accordance with appropriations already printed, and the amounts were mostly small separately considered.

COLDS are frequently the result of derangements of the stomach and of a low condition of the system generally. As a corrective and strengthener of the alimentary organs, Ayer's Pills are invaluable, there use being always attended with marked benefit.

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